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For: HIGH-THROUGHPUT METHODS FOR  
IDENTIFYING GENE FUNCTION USING  
LENTIVIRAL VECTORS (AS AMENDED)

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --  
EXAMINING GROUP 1636**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 30, 2006 ("the OA"), for which a response is initially due on September 30, 2006. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action (before August 20, 2006) and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8, of this paper.